

By: Howard of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 4481

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment of a fraudulent identification unit  
3 to be operated by the Department of Public Safety.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 411.0422 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 411.0422. FRAUDULENT IDENTIFICATION UNIT. (a) The  
8 director shall create a fraudulent identification unit to be  
9 operated by the department.

10 (b) The fraudulent identification unit shall investigate  
11 and arrest individuals determined to have committed offenses  
12 involving the production, sale, or distribution of fraudulent  
13 documents or instruments that purport to contain a person's  
14 identifying information. The unit shall additionally specialize in  
15 the investigation of the production of fraudulent documents or  
16 instruments for use by individuals who unlawfully reside in this  
17 state.

18 (c) The department shall employ sufficient personnel to  
19 maintain efficient operation of the unit.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.